(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC have three schemes namely (i) Universities with Potential for Excellence (UPE), (ii) Centre with Potential for Excellence and (iii) Colleges with Potential for Excellence (CPE), with a view to promote quality and Excellence in selected universities/colleges. 9 Universities, 12 Centres and 97 Colleges respectively of excellence have been selected under these schemes.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, as per the information furnished by the UGC, National Academic Accreditation Council has so far accredited 130 Universities and 2955 Colleges in the country.

Projection on education expenditure

583. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: .

(a) whether it is a fact that Government projected to spend 6 per cent domestic product on education, half of this on primary and secondary education alone;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that to fund this ambitious project Government imposed education cess on all Central taxes;

(c) whether it is also a fact that share of education in the States' aggregate budgetary allocation has declined in 2005-06 in comparison to what they allocated five years ago in 2001-02; and

(d) if so, the details of all the expenditure on education compared to the total budget for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) of the Government pledges to raise public spending on education to at least 6% of GDP in a phased manner with at least half this amount being spent on the primary and secondary education sectors. Government introduced 2% Education Cess from 2004 to finance the Government's commitment to quality basic education to children in the 6-14 years age-group.

(c) and (d) A Statement indicating the budget provided for education by all State Governments as percentage of their total budget during last five years is given below.

Statement

The expenditure on education as compared to the total budget of the States during 2001-02 to 2005-06

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Total Budget on Education and other Departments	All Sectors	Percentage of Expenditure on Education to total
2001-02	65746.18	318102.14	20.67
2002-03	69350.73	338920.31	20.46
2003-04	71978.28	381528.96	18.87
2004-05 (RE)	83426.97	433162.90	19.26
2005-06 (BE)	90101.12	460131.91	19.58

Scheme to provide vocational education

†584. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to provide vocational education at higher secondary level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total funds allocated for the aforesaid programme and the funds provided in the scheme with reference to Orissa; and

(d) the result achieved in Orissa after implementation of the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The centrally sponsored scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at higher secondary level provides for diversification of educational opportunities so as to enhance individual em payability. The scheme was started in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.